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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three (3) months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of 180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

The applicant hereby states, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

**PART II: Additional Information**

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to application Serial No. US 09/587,753. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of US 09/587,753, then the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of the same.

**PART III: Remarks**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references. Documents cited on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Applicant urges the Examiner to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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